

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 5 of the above-referenced patent application (as-filed), please amend the second paragraph (i.e., lines 3–5) as follows:

FIG. 8 is a schematic plan view of the cutting head in FIG. 7 (at rest), with four strands of cutting string mounted in the latter.

Please also amend the third full paragraph on page 11 (i.e., lines 14–21) as follows:

FIG. 8 represents a schematic view from above of the cutting head in FIG. 7 at rest. Installed in this cutting head are ~~three~~ four strands of string 300 which project at the string outlet 115 and which stop substantially at the openings 113. Also represented in this figure are the curved bearing surfaces 120 for the strands of string. The direction in which the head would be rotated when not at rest ~~of rotation of the head~~ is illustrated by the arrow F.